

LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 1995

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I am re-introducing legislation which I sponsored in the 103d Congress authorizing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to study and recommend solutions to the flooding problems in the Kankakee River basin. This legislation was included in the Water Resources Development Act of 1994, which was adopted in the U.S. House of Representatives, but not enacted into law.

The areas surrounding the Kankakee River and some of its tributaries have faced an increasing flood problem in recent years due to sedimentation and other factors. Storms which may not have caused flooding a few years ago, now cause major problems. In fact, the county of Kankakee, IL, commissioned a floodplain and mapping study of their own which altered their base flood elevations dramatically.

The Kankakee River basin is home to more than 1,000,000 people in both Illinois and Indiana, and the river is the area's greatest natural resource. Accordingly, this study has the support of the local community and environmental leaders.

In these tight budgetary times each funding request deserves strict scrutiny. However, failure to invest \$500,000 for this 1 year study, will cost the Federal Government and the citizens of east central Illinois much more in the coming years. I trust my colleagues will agree with me that the Kankakee River Basin flooding problem should be addressed now, while it can still be inexpensively remedied. Thank you for your support of this much-needed legislation.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 1995

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the League of Women Voters on their 75th anniversary. Formed 6 months prior to their hardest-won victory, the ratification of the 19th amendment in 1920, this nonpartisan organization's mission has not changed since its founding: to build citizen participation in the democratic process.

With the enfranchisement of women, the league has since grown to become an indispensable fixture on the American political landscape. On a grassroots level, the league preserves democracy every day by registering voters, sponsoring candidate debates, and educating citizens on the issues of the day.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the league on their diamond anniversary, and I wish them continued success for the next 75 years.

JIMMY EARLE: INDUCTED TO TENNESSEE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 1995

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent and special individual, Jimmy Earle, upon his induction to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. His selection should come as no surprise as he has been successful everywhere he has coached.

A graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, Jimmy began his basketball coaching career in 1958 at Algood High School in Putnam County, TN. After 1 year, he became head coach at Smithville High School in DeKalb County compiling a 73-17 record.

He then stepped up to the college ranks as head basketball coach at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, TN. At Martin College he once again produced winning teams with a record of 74-29. His teams also won three Dixie Conference Championships in 4 years.

In 1965, he joined the Middle Tennessee State University coaching staff as assistant basketball coach and head baseball coach. As head coach of the baseball team, his 1968 squad won the Ohio Valley Conference championship and he was voted conference Coach of the Year.

Jimmy was elevated to MTSU's head basketball coach in 1969 and for the next 10 years served in that capacity. Once again his winning tradition continued as he led his teams to two OVC championships and two trips to the NCAA tournament. In 1975 he became the first coach in school history to take a basketball team to the NCAA tournament.

He has served as MTSU's athletic director and as an observer of Southeastern Conference basketball officials.

I have known, worked with, and admired Jimmy Earle for almost 30 years. As a graduate of MTSU, I am extremely aware of his many contributions to my alma mater and community. His selection to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame is well deserved. Tennessee will long reap the benefits of his many years of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 1995

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on February 10, 1995, I inadvertently voted "nay" on rollcall vote 118, on passage of the Criminal Alien Deportation Act. I support the bill and intended to vote "yea."

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 1995

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, in 1856, President Franklin Pierce delivered a special message to

Congress underscoring the requirement for citizens to participate in the governing process of their Nation:

No citizen of our country should permit himself to forget that he is a part of its Government and entitled to be heard in the determination of its policy and its measures, and that therefore the highest considerations of personal honor and patriotism require him to maintain by whatever power or influence he may possess the integrity of the laws of the Republic.

When President Franklin Pierce spoke this charge of citizen involvement in the mid-19th century, he was encapsulating the spirit of grassroots participation and, without knowing it, foreshadowing a 20th century American institution: the League of Women Voters. For the past three-quarters of a century, members of the league have provided a way for Americans at all levels of our society to influence the process and assure the expansion of our democracy.

The success of the League of Women Voters has been the result of an all-encompassing belief that democracy depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens. Through this credo, the league agenda has led members to promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive. Internationally, the goal has been, and remains, to promote peace in an interdependent world by cooperating with other nations. Environmentally, members of the league have embraced goals that will promote protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest. The league and its members' commitment to democracy has meant their active support to secure social and economic justice for all Americans.

It is my great pleasure to salute the founders of the League of Women Voters, as well as the many thousands of members who have carried on their tradition for three-quarters of a century. America is a stronger nation for their determination and their efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JERREL D. SMITH ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 1995

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions and work of Jerrel D. Smith of St. Louis, MO.

Jerrel Smith, vice president, environmental, safety, and health for the Union Electric Co. of St. Louis, MO, retired on January 31, 1995. He will assume a new role as environmental policy consultant to the senior management of the Union Electric Co.

In his 37 years of service to Union Electric Co., Mr. Smith has played an active role in assisting Federal, State, and local legislative and regulatory entities in establishing environmental protection. During his career, he has participated in the formation and implementation of many environmental laws. Of particular note was his work with us on the Clean Air Act, which will help us achieve reductions in air pollution in a way that achieves tough new standards in a cost-effective manner. This work will save ratepayers in eastern Missouri many millions of dollars.